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SUBJ: DJAMEL HOUHOU, NEW ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO CAIRO

REF: ALGIERS 2092

1. SAINT-MARTIN, ALGERIAN DESK OFFICER, EXTAFF, CHECKED AMONG THOSE WHO KNEW AMBASSADOR HOUHOU IN OTTAWA AND OCTOBER 2 GAVE US FOLLOWING PROFILE. HOUHOU ESTABLISHED REPUTATION HERE AS VERY COMPETENT, IF VERY TOUGH, DIPLOMAT. CANADIANS CONSIDER HIM HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND INDEED THEY FEEL HE IS A "STAR" IN ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE EXPRESSES ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS HONESTLY AND WITH GREAT ACCURACY. HE IS FRANK GENERALLY AND CAN GO BEYOND THIS ON OCCASION TO BECOME "BRUTAL". HOUHOU IS, ACCORDING TO CANADIANS, TOUGH IN BARGAINING AND A FORCEFUL AND VIGOROUS ADVOCATE OF ALGERIAN FOREIGN POLICY. FOR WHAT HE KNOWS, SAINT-MARTIN SAID, HE IS A VERY RELIABLE AND VERY FRANK SOURCE.

2. CANADIAN EXTAFF OFFICIALS APPARENTLY CONSIDER HIM BOUTEFLIKA'S MAN. SAINT-MARTIN SAID HE WAS SURPRISED BY THIS SINCE HE HAD CONSIDERED HOUHOU AS BOUMEDIENE'S MAN PRIOR TO TALKING WITH GOC OFFICIALS MORE FAMILIAR WITH HOUHOU. SAINT-MARTIN ADDED THAT, DESPITE MANY ALGERIAN
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DENIALS (PERHAPS EVEN BECAUSE OF THEM), GOC BELIEVES THERE

IS A DIVISION BETWEEN BOUTEFLIKA AND BOUMEDIENE.

3. SAINT-MARTIN HAD NO INFORMATION ON HOUHOU'S PERSONAL
HABITS. JOHNSON

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